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ADD/A (Colonel White) [REDACTED]

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1. Stuart Hedden was in to say that he was going to recommend to the Director that [REDACTED] be appointed as an individual who would review all proprietary projects to insure that they were set up on a sound business basis and that he had in mind that [REDACTED] should have absolute veto power over any case officer who wanted to submit a project which was not so considered. I told Mr. Hedden that I was entirely sympathetic with what he was trying to accomplish, i.e., to insure that all proprietary and other projects in which business is involved will be set up along sound business principles, but that I thought we would run into some snags if DD/A placed such an officer within DD/P's shop with veto power over DD/P personnel, and, further, that it was my understanding that this was the responsibility of the Covert Coordination Committee. He indicated that he was not impressed with what the Covert Coordination Committee had done to date and that he thought he would go ahead and make his recommendation. I talked with [REDACTED] about this and John feels strongly that no decision in this matter should be made without thorough coordination with the Covert Coordination Committee, to which I agree. H

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2. I had a meeting with General Davison, [REDACTED] George Meloon, Ed Saunders, Bill Peel, and [REDACTED] to decide how we should attack our T/O problem in order not to exceed the [REDACTED] figure which the Director has established. It was agreed that Ed Saunders would come up with recommended personnel ceilings for individual offices which we would coordinate with the Deputy Directors or Assistant Directors, as appropriate. Mr. Saunders was instructed to coordinate this thoroughly with Bill Peel and General Davison. I told General Davison that I had no specific instructions for Personnel at this time, except that the Director was insistent on greater selectivity, and suggested that he slow his recruiting down through this means. He is anxious to talk with the Director about the Director's impressions of low quality personnel coming on board and I told him that I would try to arrange this within the next few days. H

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4. I instructed Ed Saunders to proceed with or without the General Counsel to find out what the "snag" is in the Bureau of the Budget which prohibits the President from signing the Executive Order concerning the sensitive matter in which the

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Director has an interest and which you asked Ed Saunders to explore with the Bureau of the Budget. (*Medal of Freedom*)

5. I asked the General Counsel to be prepared to discuss with the DD/P our authority to deport people brought in under the "100 Alien Act", stating that it was the Director's desire that legislation giving us this authority be enacted if necessary.

25X1A 6. [REDACTED] reports that Messrs. Underwood and Hunter, Design and Construction Division, PBS, talked with Mr. Reynolds today. According to [REDACTED] Mr. Reynolds has concurred in their recommendation one-hundred per cent and is apparently backing water on his previous statements to you. [REDACTED] advises that, according to Mr. Underwood, Mr. Reynolds now says that he never recommended the Nevius Tract to us and that he said that he would erect a building for us with whatever money we had available, the quality, of course, being consistent with the amount. Mr. Reynolds is out of town for the rest of this week but I have asked that a meeting be arranged as early next week as possible to continue our discussion of this matter. H

25X1A 7. I talked with General Davison about the position of Chief, Military Personnel Division, and told him that I thought something should be done about this right away since [REDACTED] is obviously over his head.

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